

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 24, 2019**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns
Captain Michael McCullough
Chief Alan J. Roy
Chief John Nash
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe

There were no absent Commission members.

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
Alanna Malatos
Glenn Rooney
JoAnne Caruso

Guests present at the meeting:

Chief Dennis Condon, President of Fire Chiefs Association of America (FCAM)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 10:01 a.m.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the September 26, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Captain McCullough and seconded by Chief Roy that the minutes of September 26, 2019, meeting be approved as written.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by Firefighter McKinnon and seconded by Chief Roy and Undersecretary Benincasa Thorpe to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –
 - Chief Robert Rogowski – Barre Fire Department
 - Deputy Chief Michael Dupuis – Leicester Fire Department

A motion was made by Firefighter McKinnon and seconded by Ms. Fitzpatrick and Captain McCullough to award re-accreditation to the following:

2. Re-Credentialing –

- Deputy Chief Ryan Melly – Arlington Fire Department
- Chief William Spillane – Dedham Fire Department

One applicant was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. New Business – FCAM on the issue of re-credentialing

Chief Condon presented the “Report and Recommendations of the FCAM Re-Credentialing Task Force” to the Commission. Following a lengthy discussion, the Commission decided to further review the documentation (and survey results which were not sent as part of Chief Condon’s report), form a sub-committee to address the recommendations, and report findings to FCAM.

A motion was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Chief Roy to further discuss at the next scheduled meeting following a comprehensive review of all of FCAM’s task force reports.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

D. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey gave updates on the grants for washer/extractors and gear which is currently available for municipalities to apply for, fire code changes that went into effect on October 18th, updates pertaining to the progress of the Bridgewater campus, and finally the Firefighter of the Year Awards which will be held in Worcester at Mechanic’s Hall on November 26, 2019 at 11:00am.

E. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on November 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Firefighter McKinnon.

Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 11:20 a.m.